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**DEFRAUDING POLITICAL CANDIDATES AND PRINT SHOPS NETS 2 1/2 YEAR JAIL SENTENCE**

Walter Carlos Moore, convicted last month of defrauding San Diego political candidates and print shops in 1995 and 1996, was sentenced today to serve 2 1/2 years in jail and pay \$18,208 in restitution to his victims.

San Diego Municipal Court Judge Lilliam Y. Lim, who presided over Moore's jury trial last month, also ordered Moore not to work in the direct sales business while he is on formal probation for the next five years.

The San Diego City Attorney's Office charged Moore in December 1996 with defrauding nine candidates and three print shops of money and campaign materials. Moore, who did business as "Action Advertising," collected money up-front from candidates for campaign materials he never delivered. He also failed to pay print shops for campaign signs he did order.

Moore was arrested on similar charges in October 1997 by the Rialto Police Department. He has been held in San Diego County Jail since January 1998.

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